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1. In January 1955, while on a world tour of various of my church's foreign missions, I visited the following four small airfields in North Africa.

Names and Locations

2. Nasir, Sudan (8° 36' N - 33° 03' E) - 118 air miles southeast of Malakal.
Gambela, Ethiopia (8° 15' N - 34° 36' E) - 110 air miles east of Nasir.
Chali, Sudan (10° 13' N - 34° 02' E) - 140 air miles northwest of Gambela.
Er Roseires, Sudan (11° 51' N - 34° 23' E) - 120 air miles north of Chali.

Operating Area

3. Each of the four airfields consists of a single, unpaved runway approximately 200 ft wide. I do not know the length of these runways but I am sure that they could accommodate a DC-3 in an emergency. Normally, they are used by small twin-engined civilian planes and single-engined biplanes. The surfacing of each runway is grass on silt or black cottony soil. They are operational during the dry season only, at which times the ground is firm and hard-packed. Each runway could be extended almost indefinitely. There are no parking strips or taxiways.

Approach Obstructions

4. Nasir is free of any approach obstruction. At Gambela there is a small hill, about 500 ft high, several hundred yards to one side of the runway. A few clumps of trees grow close to one side of the runway at Chali. The Nile River is several hundred yards from one end of the Er Roseires runway. There are no major obstructions, however, at any of these fields.

Installation Facilities

5. None of these fields has a control tower, repair facilities, night lighting or communication facilities. Only at Gambela is there anything remotely resembling a hangar, an open-sided, thatched-roofed shed. At Er Roseires, refueling is accomplished by a small truck; ten gallon cans are used at Nasir and Gambela; I do not know what refueling arrangements are available at Chali.

[Available on loan from Graphics Register are the following photographs: (1) Airview of runway at Gambela, (2) Hangar at Gambela, (3) Runway at [illegible]]

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